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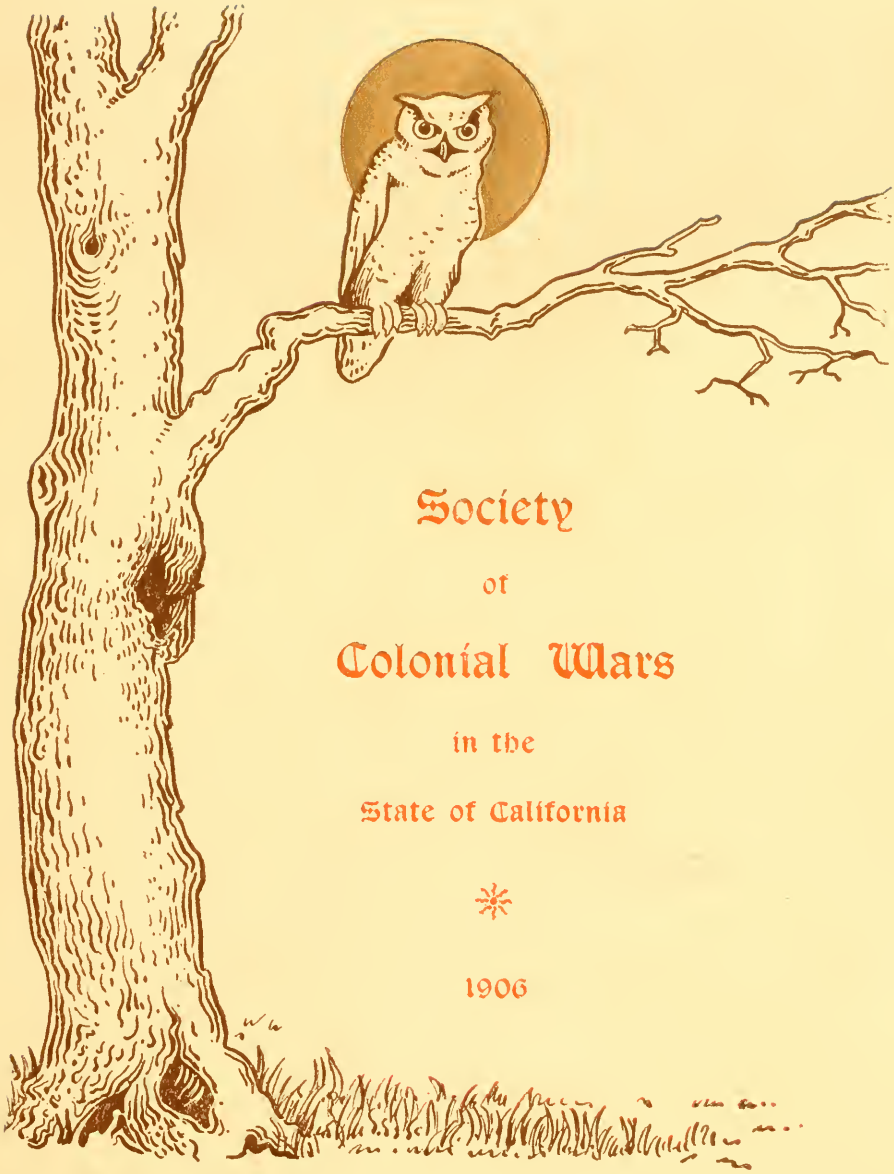

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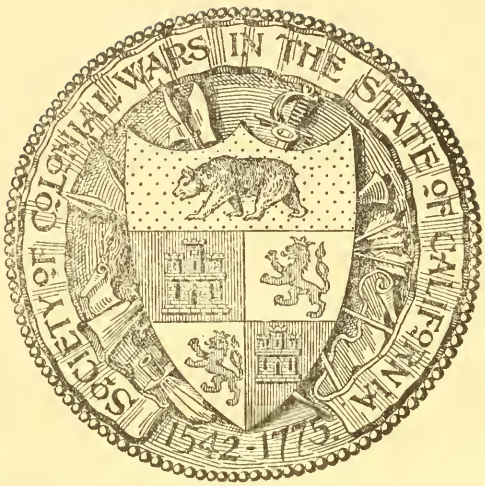

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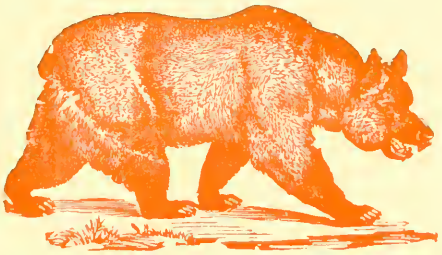

San Francisco Chapter

Society of Colonial Wars

in the

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The San Francisco Chapter was organized on February 3, 1898, under the provisions of Article XV of the State Society By-Laws. "Members of the California State Society residing within a radius of fifty miles of San Francisco shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter."

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Herbert Cornelius Andrews.

Rev. Alfred Lee Brewer, D. D.

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Colonel William Anthony Elderkin, U. S. A.

Harry Woodville Latham, A. B.

Rev. Alexander Moss Merwin, A. M., B. D.

Elisha Williams McKinstry, LL. D.

Frederick Hastings Rindge, A. B.

Spencer Roane Thorpe.

GENTLEMEN:

SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF OUR REGISTER FOR 1903 WE HAVE ELECTED ELEVEN GENTLEMEN TO MEMBERSHIP; FOUR HAVE DIED AND THREE HAVE BEEN DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES, OUR PRESENT NUMBER BEING FORTY-THREE.

THIS REGISTER EXHIBITS THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES ELECTED AT THE ELEVENTH GENERAL COURT, CONVENED ON DECEMBER 21, 1905, AND OF OUR MEMBERS, WITH THEIR AVOCATIONS AND ADDRESSES.

THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER SHOWS A COMFORTABLE WORKING BALANCE ON HAND, OUR PRINCIPAL EXPENSES HAVING BEEN FOR USE OF A SOCIETY ROOM, WHICH WE SUB-RENT FOR A SMALL AMOUNT, FROM THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE REVOLUTION; THE PAYMENT OF OUR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT TO THE GENERAL SOCIETY AND FOR PRINTING AND POSTAGE.

THE SOCIETY HAS NOT BEEN INCORPORATED BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS MOST DESIRABLE OBJECT WILL BE ATTAINED DURING THE COMING YEAR.

ON FEBRUARY 18, 1905, THIS SOCIETY UNITED WITH THE SOCIETY SONS OF THE REVOLUTION IN A BANQUET TENDERED TO HON. FRANK PUTNAM FLINT, THE RECENTLY ELECTED UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM CALIFORNIA, AND MR. FLINT HAS BEEN ELECTED DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL, THAT WE MAY BE REPRESENTED IN THE COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY, WHICH HAS ITS MEETINGS DURING THE WINTER IN NEW YORK CITY.

VERY SOON AFTER THE LAST TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY IN NEW YORK, FREDERIC J. DE PEYSTER, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WHO HAD FILLED THAT OFFICE SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE ORDER, DIED VERY SUDDENLY, AND AT A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON MAY 31, 1905, MR. ARTHUR JOHN CLARK SOWDEN OF BOSTON WAS ELECTED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

OUR SOCIETY ALBUM OF PORTRAITS AND THE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD ARE COMPLETE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EIGHT MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH THE RULE OF THE COUNCIL. AS THIS WAS ONE OF THE OBLIGATIONS THEY ASSUMED WHEN THEY APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP, IT IS HOPED THEY WILL NO LONGER REFRAIN FROM THEIR DUTY IN THIS BEHALF.

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO HIGH POSITIONS IN THE CIVIL, MILITARY AND NAVAL DEPARTMENTS OF OUR GOVERNMENT, GIVING US A REPRESENTATION IN WHICH WE MAY JUSTLY TAKE PRIDE. THE LIST EMBRACES:

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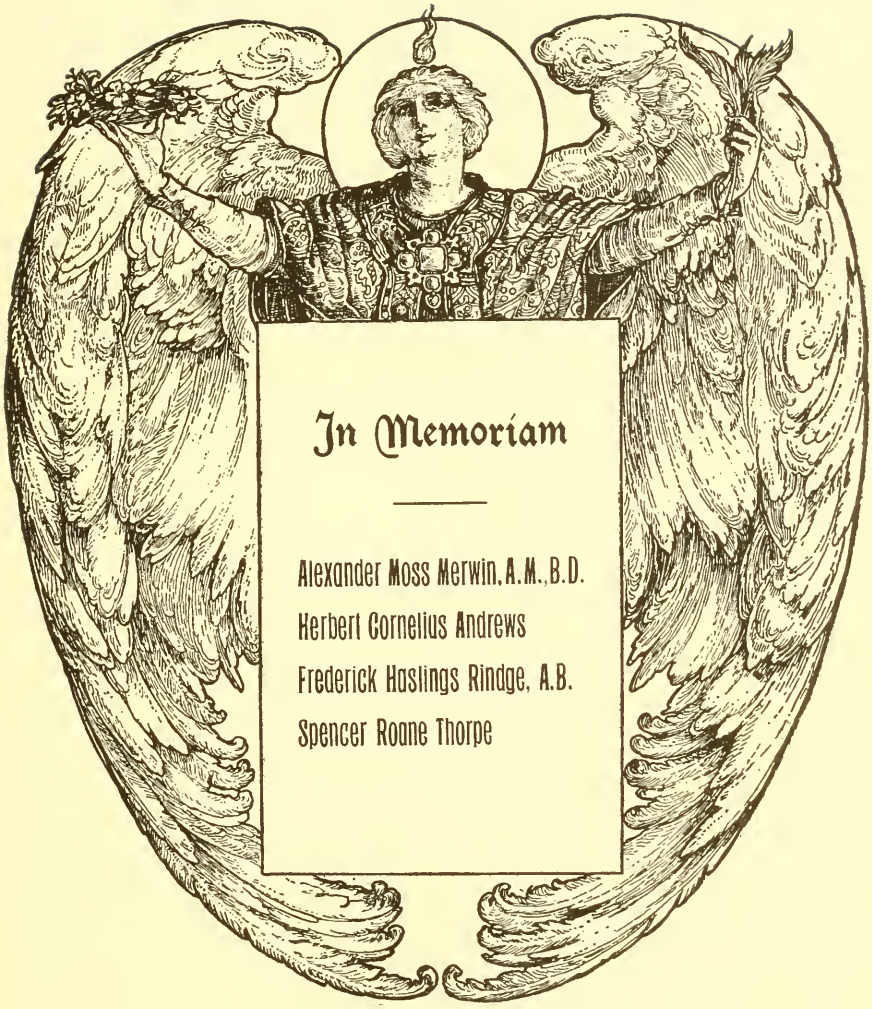
COMMANDER JOSIAH RUMBALL STANTON AND LIEUTENANT EDWIN TAYLOR POLLOCK OF THE NAVY.

WE HAVE BEEN GREATLY AFFLICTED IN THE LOSS OF FOUR OF OUR MEMBERS DURING THE LAST YEAR. THEY ALL OCCUPIED OFFICIAL POSITION IN THIS SOCIETY AND AN APPRECIATION OF THEIR MERITS HAS BEEN PLACED UPON OUR RECORDS IN THE MEMORIALS ADOPTED BY THE ELEVENTH GENERAL COURT, AND IN THE RESOLUTION THAT THEIR NAMES, AS WELL AS OF ALL DECEASED MEMBERS, SHALL BE HEREAFTER PRINTED IN THE PUBLICATIONS OF THIS SOCIETY.

Holdridge Ozro Collins.

LOS ANGELES, JANUARY 1, 1906. GOVERNOR.



In Memoriam

Alexander Moss Merwin, A.M., B.D.

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Frederick Hastings Rindge, A.B.

Spencer Roane Thorpe

Rev. Alexander Moss Merwin

Alexander Moss Merwin

Born September 3, 1839, in Norwalk, Connecticut
Died February 2, 1905, in Pasadena, California

Descended in the seventh generation from Governor Joseph Treat of Connecticut, and in the fourth generation from Joseph Platt Cooke, Colonel of the Sixteenth Regiment of Connecticut troops in the War of the Revolution, Alexander Moss Merwin, from his early youth until he passed to the eternal hereafter, was identified with the best thought for the conservation of an honest and enlightened government in the civil and religious affairs of a people whose independence his ancestors had helped to achieve, and his name ranks high in the roll of the leading Captains of the Church Militant.

Motherless at three years of age, until his tenth year his home was with relatives in New Haven and New York. Entering Williams College, he was graduated in 1863 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and the same year he matriculated in Princeton Theological Seminary, from which in 1866 he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. In subsequent years the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Williams and Yale Colleges.

In his early years he was connected with the American Sunday School Union and the Bible Society, and during the War of the Rebellion he was Acting Chaplain at the hospitals of Alexandria and Fortress Monroe and agent in the Shenandoah Valley, of the Sanitary and Christian Commissions.

Under the auspices of the Presbyterian Board, he went to Chile as a missionary, where, under his supervision, was organized the first Protestant Chilean Church in that republic, at Santiago, and he was the first pastor of Chilean Protestants at Valparaiso. He remained in Chile nineteen years, carrying on the work of pastor, editor and superintendent of schools until 1885, when he returned to the United States.

In 1886 he came to Southern California, from which period until his death he was engaged in missionary labors for the Mexicans, and through his efforts, Presbyterian congregations were organized,

and church edifices erected at Los Angeles, San Gabriel, Alhambra, South Pasadena, Lamanda Park and Azusa, and a Girl's Home and School was established and placed upon an enduring basis in Los Angeles.

Elected a member of the California Society Sons of the Revolution in May, 1894, his name was borne upon its rolls to the time of his death as one of the most zealous advocates of its institution. A charter member of this Society he was chosen its Chaplain and retained in that office at every annual election. In the affectionate intercourse of our members he became endeared to us all, and we mourn with his afflicted family, the loss of this gentle Christian, who will not be forgotten.

H. O. C.

Herbert Cornelius Andrews

Herbert Cornelius Andrews

Born March 19, 1883, in Chicago, Illinois
Died May 31, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois

Surrendering his life at the early age of twenty-two years, Herbert Cornelius Andrews lived long enough to impress his personality upon all with whom he came in contact. Graduating from the High School at Oak Park, Illinois in 1899, he entered the Chicago University, and later he was a student in Colorado College at Colorado Springs, where he remained a year, but being of a fragile constitution, he was unable to endure the hard work of a student, and he passed the following two years in Flagstaff, Arizona, and at other places in the West, striving for the return of health, which never came to him.

The only son of a prosperous manufacturer in Chicago, it was the hope of his father that he would take up that work as it should fall to him, but his student life and delicate health had unfitted him for mercantile pursuits and he found his vocation in the more congenial work of an historian and biographer.

Descended from Governors William Leete and Thomas Welles of Connecticut and others distinguished in the first settlement of New England, he became engrossed in the study of the early Colonial era, to which the remainder of his life was devoted. He lived to complete several works of genealogy and biography which were recognized as being valuable contributions to the history of this country in his election to membership in the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Seeking a milder climate, in 1903 he came to Los Angeles. In March, 1904, he was elected a member of this Society, and at the annual meeting, December 21, 1904, he was elected to the Committee on Historical Documents. His gentleness and courtesy won for him the esteem of his associates, and his achievements in his literary pursuits exacted respect for his ability.

As a testimonial to his worth and our sympathy with his father and mother for the loss of their only son, this memorial is placed upon our records by unanimous resolution adopted at the Eleventh General Court of this Society held in the city of Los Angeles, State of California, on the twenty-first day of December, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

H. O. C.

Frederick Hastings Rindge

Frederick Hastings Rindge

Born December 21, 1857, in Cambridge, Massachusetts
Died August 29, 1905, in Yreka, California

A trustee of great wealth, and inheriting the blood of ancestors distinguished in both the Colonial era and that great Revolution against the despotism of England, Frederick Hastings Rindge has departed from us, leaving as his richest legacy a bright record on the pages of his time among those whose lives have been devoted to the maintenance of good government, the integrity of a nation founded upon eternal principles of liberty and justice and the establishment and perpetuity of secular and religious institutions devoted to the training of those to whom shall fall the guardianship of the welfare of this land.

Educated at Harvard University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, his studies did not cease with the close of his college career, and his intellectual activities ended only with his life. He achieved a recognized position in the scientific walks of Ethnology and Archaeology, as well as in the lighter and more popular fields of literature, and he gave us a most pleasing, graphic and instructive description of the life as we live it on the Pacific Coast, in his "Happy Days in Southern California." With the strongest attachment for the place of his nativity, he acquired for his new home in this land, a love and enthusiasm, which, in a great measure, became factors in the direction of his later years.

The complete story of his private benefactions and sympathetic charities to the suffering and needy will never be known this side the gates of Paradise, but his munificent gifts to Cambridge, and his establishment and endowment of educational, charitable and religious institutions will remain for all time a part of the history of the cities of his nativity and adoption. With reverential gratitude for the sacrifices made by his ancestors in the winning of this land, and pride in their valor which helped to achieve its independence and found a government which he believed the happiest upon earth, he sought admission to the Societies of Colonial Wars and Sons of the Revolution, that his children and his children's children might read therein the record of those whose blood they inherited.

A gentleman of the Council of this Society, his interest was unfailing in all its proceedings, and he gave his adherence and firm support to all the principles of our Order.

The loss of such a citizen cannot but be felt and mourned throughout the entire scenes of his activities, and as a testimonial of our affection and appreciation of his gentle life, we spread this memorial upon our records, and direct that a copy be transmitted to his family.

H. O. C.

Spencer Roane Thorpe

Spencer Roane Thorpe

Born January 20, 1842, in Louisville, Kentucky
Died September 2, 1905, in Moor Park, California

A descendant of Patrick Henry, the whole life of Spencer Roane Thorpe was a marked exemplification of the principles which characterized his great ancestor. In early youth he entered St. Joseph's College at Bardstown, Kentucky, where he remained until the spring of 1861. A Southerner by birth and ancestry, all of his affections and sympathies went out to the people of his home, and in April, 1861, when but nineteen years old, he left his College and joined the Confederate Army, enlisting in the Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment of Infantry, from which he was transferred to the First Kentucky Infantry. He participated in the battle of Drainsville, Virginia, on December 20, 1861, when he was wounded, and he served with his Regiment until June, 1862, when it was disbanded at Richmond, Virginia.

Returning to Kentucky, he joined Morgan's forces with which he fought at Cynthiana on July 16, 1862, and where he again received a serious wound. He served under Morgan in the raid through Indiana, holding at that time the rank of First Lieutenant, and being in command of a battalion of four companies serving as the advance guard.

At Corydon, on July 9, 1863, he was so seriously wounded that he was left as dead upon the field. Taken prisoner, his recovery was slow, and when able to be moved, he was sent to the military prison at Johnson's Island, in November, where he was retained until his exchange in October 1864, when he rejoined his Regiment, then commanded by Gen. Basil W. Duke. His final service in the Confederate Army was with the rank of captain when his command accompanied the Confederate Government from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Washington, Georgia, where, being captured, he was paroled.

Upon the establishment of peace he settled in Louisiana, and being admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court, he achieved a competence in the practice of his profession.

He came to California in 1883, settling in San Francisco, but in 1886 he made a new home for his family in Los Angeles. In May, 1893, he was admitted to membership in the California Society of Sons of the Revolution and in 1897 he became its Vice-President, holding that office by successive elections to the time of his death.

A charter member of this Society, he has been Deputy Governor General from the date of its organization, and Lieutenant Governor since 1896.

His amiable disposition and hearty support of the principles of this Society, had endeared him to all its members, and in his death we mourn the loss, not only of a zealous associate, but a sympathetic friend, a gentleman and a strenuous advocate in both his private and public life, for all that conduces to honesty and probity in the management of State and municipal affairs. To the afflicted widow and children we extend our most profound sympathy.

H. O. C.

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